

## **HCDOP Communications – January 2005**

**January 5, 2005 HCDOP CG meeting attendees:** Dan Hannafious, Dave Garland, Bob Cusamano, Kim McKee, Pam Bennett-Cummings, Bob Hager, David Roberts, Neil Werner, Duane Fagergren, Anne Criss, Keith Grellner, Keith Dublanica, Brad Avy, Maryanne Guichard, Jan Newton.

### **HCDOP CG Action Items/Key Outcomes**

- CG members will review the expertise list and send Anne any updates or corrections. Anne will revise the HCDOP expertise list and send to group before the next meeting.
- CG members will review the messages document and send Anne updates and comments. Anne will work with Duane and others to revise and bring a revised draft to the next meeting.

### **Scientific Studies**

- *Project update*
  - The HCDOP-IAM funds are still not available yet. We are putting pressure on so that the Navy makes it a higher priority. (HCSEG & UW-APL)
  - Despite the lack of funds, Al Devol (UW) was able to get the first ORCA in the water! It is located just east of Sisters Pt. Check out the near-real-time data on the ORCA website [www.ocean.washington.edu/research/orca](http://www.ocean.washington.edu/research/orca) (soon to be accessible via the PRISM HCDOP website). (HCSEG & UW-APL)
  - Jeff Richey (UW) advises that we have the windfall of a team of talented UW students directing energy towards Hood Canal. They are part of a National Science Foundation project "IGERT" that "need" to do a 2-quarter (and beyond per interest) group project on something that promotes interdisciplinary work/etc. Effort will be focused: 1) Working on the septic tank sources & alder/conifer issues (including discussion of putting in lysimeters below septic); 2) Looking at N-isotope ratios in oysters, to determine pollution impact, especially from septic, and to compare vs. Indian middens; and 3) Working with modeling, from EE. (HCSEG & UW-APL).
- *New information generated by projects*
  - Even though it's January, you could see elevated chlorophyll, indicating phytoplankton in the 20 January ORCA data. We've been having sunny weather and the stratification is strong. (HCSEG & UW-APL)
  - The Task 3 freshwater group has collect data in January, primarily west shore and south shore streams. Not all participants are up to speed with sampling effort (some related to funding, some related to logistics) (HCSEG & UW-APL)
- *Study data*
  - Hannafious and Newton have been working on upgrades to the PRISM HCDOP website, which will include information and data access. (HCSEG & UW-APL)

### **Corrective Actions**

- *Project update*

- Hoodspport-Skokomish Wastewater Study: On January 5, approximately 25 officials and staff from a variety of agencies and organizations gathered at a meeting hosted by the Skokomish Indian Tribe to hear a presentation on the project by consultants from Gray and Osborne and to discuss a number of issues. The meeting included discussion of screening factors that could be used to evaluate the wastewater management alternatives. The consultant is now writing a preliminary screening plan based on the group's input and recommendations for further review by the public, the tribal government and other interests. (Stuart Glasoe - PSAT)
- Anaerobic Digester Study: Staff from Mason Conservation District continue to do background research for the study. The CD is working with a landowner in the Skokomish Valley who is interested in building a digester on his property and who is an excellent candidate for the system due to the nature of the livestock operation and its central location for taking waste from other farms. The CD plans to continue working with the landowner and do a preliminary feasibility analysis for the site. (Stuart Glasoe - PSAT)
- Worked with Pete Granger of Washington Sea Grant and Mike Turner of American Canadian Seafood on final invoicing and draft report review for their chum salmon removal project. Talked with Dave H and Keith D. of the Skokomish Tribe about meeting with their tribal fishermen in the near future to review the successes and lessons learned from this year's chum fishery. (Fagergren - PSAT).
- Worked with John Dohrmann (PSAT staff) on selection of the aeration RFP finalist, Brown and Caldwell (consultants) and Marc Beutel of WSU. The report ("white paper") should be completed by April or May. This may be a topic to brief the House Select Committee on soon, according to interest shown by Rep.Eickmeyer and members (see legislative committee discussion to follow.) (Fagergren – PSAT)
- New information generated by projects

### **Public Outreach**

- *Public education and outreach efforts updates*
- *Comments/questions from public*
- *Response to public sentiments/concerns/issues*
- *Public outreach needs*
- *Upcoming meeting notices/speaking engagements*
  - HCWEN will meet Thursday February 24th, 2005 from 930am-1200pm in the Olympic View Industrial Park at the Kitsap SWMM Complex. Contact Emily Piper Water Resources Associate, Washington State University Mason County Extension 360.427.9670 ex. 396, [elpiper@wsu.edu](mailto:elpiper@wsu.edu). (AC)
  - Poulsbo Kayak Club (March 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, Poulsbo) (HCSEG)
  - Water Watchers annual meeting (March 12<sup>th</sup>, Fort Flagler) (HCSEG & UW-APL)

### **Media**

- *Media contacts or requests*

- Talked to Susan Gordon of the Tribune on her Hood Canal story. Responded to a few follow-up questions on Hood Canal as part of the State of the Sound Report. (Fagergren – PSAT)
- *Media coverage*
  - **Environmental agenda for 2005 legislative session:**  
Seattle Post-Intelligencer (Editorial Board)  
December 27, 2004  
[http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/opinion/205172\\_enviroed.html](http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/opinion/205172_enviroed.html)
  - **Environment agenda outlined**  
The Olympian  
January 6, 2005  
<http://www.theolympian.com/home/news/20050106/southsound/63865.shtml>
  - **Gregoire: 'Work to do' on Puget Sound pollution**  
KING-TV  
January 18, 2005  
[http://www.king5.com/topstories/stories/NW\\_011805ENKgregoire\\_pollutionKC.20c93031.html](http://www.king5.com/topstories/stories/NW_011805ENKgregoire_pollutionKC.20c93031.html)
  - **Return Hood Canal to bountiful days of granddaddy**  
Bremerton Sun  
January 20, 2005  
[http://www1.kitsapsun.com/bsun/op\\_columnists/article/0,2403,BSUN\\_19095\\_3483040,00.html](http://www1.kitsapsun.com/bsun/op_columnists/article/0,2403,BSUN_19095_3483040,00.html)

### **Funding**

- Funding now available
- Funding needs
- Upcoming funding opportunities

### **Legislative or Congressional action**

- *Legislative contacts/meetings*
  - Newton (UW-APL), Turney (USGS), Cusimano (Ecology) and Hannafious (HCSEG) briefed the House Select Committee chaired by Eikmeyer re the scientific understanding to date on Hood Canal and HCDOP-IAM study and background. (HCSEG & UW-APL)
  - Like many of us, presented to the new House Select Committee on Hood Canal, chaired by Rep. Eickmeyer of the 35<sup>th</sup> District. Met with him and Rep. Chase on follow-up questions and concerns and funding ideas for this committee. (Fagergren - PSAT)
  - Attended most of the select committee briefings; needed follow-up: 1) suggest a panel of experts to evaluate the 'native plankton' concept characterized as having restorative benefit to the canal's D.O. condition, presented by citizen Glen Hemerick. Jan and I discussed others such as Dr. Rita Horner of the UW and possibly Bill Dewey of Taylor Shellfish/Pacific Shellfish Institute, or Vera Trainer of NOAA Fisheries, as possible panelists to appear with Mr. Hemerick to brief the committee on downsides of such plankton inoculations in the canal. 2)

Discuss ideas for 'Hood Canal Coordination' to improve information exchange and keeping citizens and watershed committees up to date and informed about what is happening and what citizens can do (as a result of the WRIA presentation on January 25<sup>th</sup>. (Fagergren - PSAT)

- Regulations or policy issues

**Next HCDOP meeting**

- *When/where*
  - February 8, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Puget Sound Action Team's office, 210 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, SW, Suite 401, Olympia, WA 98501. Call (360) 725-5444 for directions.
- *Proposed agenda items*
  - USGS hosting a larger (HCCG + other stakeholders) meeting (GT).
  - Review 'HC coordination' (HCDOP and broader) (DF).
  - Discuss next steps on messages document (DF).